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Wayne public safety officials called for help from the Wayne Hazmat team last weekend as they battled an unknown substance in the Rouge River.

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Members of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council hosted the Back to School Extravaganza and Outdoor Movie last week and gave away 200 backpacks.

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City of Wayne to request 8-mill tax hike

Perhaps the third time will be a charm for City of Wayne officials who approved a request for an additional 8-mill levy on the upcoming November ballot.

> *Voters have twice rejected the request to approve an additional 5-year, 8-mill levy.*

Voters have twice rejected the request to approve an additional 5-year, 8-mill levy, which would increase tax rates on property in the city by $1 for every $1,000 of assessed property valuation, usually about half the market value. The owner of a home with a State Equalized Value of $100,000 would see an $800 tax increase.

This effort follows a court ordered levy of 13.13999 on the winter tax bills in the city. The city was ordered to collect those funds as a settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS). The pension system sued the city for a serious arrearage in contributions. The city opted not to defend that lawsuit, according to court records, which resulted in the court-ordered levy on every property owner in the city.

The latest effort to shore up the floundering city budget was approved by a 5-2 vote of the councilmembers during their regular meeting July 12. The tax was proposed as a way to fund, in part, the MERS pension obligation for retired employees. City officials claim that currently 40 percent of the annual city budget is used to fund pension payments to former public safety employees.

Council members Kelly Skiff and Phil Wagner cast the no votes on placing the millage question on the ballot again. Wagner said he understood the necessity for the ballot question, but that he had "a problem with voting for any new taxes." Skiff also voted against the ballot question when it was previously proposed.

Several residents in the audience at the meeting repeatedly criticized the effort to increase property tax and claimed that the city was already taxing residents at the highest rate allowed by state law. Criticism of the officials and the proposed tax became so adversarial that Mayor John Rhaesa called a recess and left the council chambers.

Clean up crew

The annual scrubbing and sanitizing of all equipment used in the upcoming Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque set for Sept. 11 during the 66th Annual Plymouth Fall Festival took place last weekend. Rotary club members spent the morning power washing, scrubbing and scouring the racks and other equipment and utensils that will be used in the preparation of about 8,500 chicken dinners to be served on 'Chicken Sunday.' Presale tickets for the dinners are available from any Rotary Club member and will include the traditional half barbequed chicken, chips, an ear of corn, a roll, a beverage and a cookie. The price this year is $13 if purchased in advance and $15 if purchased the day of the barbeque. (*See related story, page 3.*)

Photos by David Willett

Trustees discuss possibilities for Banotai Park

Sumpter Township trustees recently heard conceptual ideas for a total renovation and remodeling of Banotai Park in the community.

Township Supervisor Tim Bowman discussed the preliminary plans during the Aug. 9 workshop session of the board members, stressing that the plans were conceptual and that no funding mechanism had been discussed or even estimated for the project.

The entire 80 acres of the park needs to be cleared during a first phase of the reclamation, Bowman said, and in another phase the entire 5-acre pond area should be re-dredged allowing for a larger pond of about 15 to 18 feet. The project would include new slopes and a beach area for the public to enjoy. The renovation would include two guard structures to control traffic in and out of the area and new designated parking lots.

"Users would come through gates to go to four parking lots," Bowman said, and each would have easy access to the ponds and pedestrian paths." He said the proposed paths would be asphalt and that paths would be wide enough to allow for emergency vehicle access and vehicles from the maintenance department. He envisions horse trails at the park along with the hiking trails.

Bowman said the plans would use an estimated 90,000 yards of sand to create the amenities. He said the ideal plan would be the construction of one or two brick and mortar restrooms in the park which would be maintained by township employees under the supervision of a newly-hired Parks and Recreation Director for the township. The new director would supervise two or three part time or seasonal employees at the park.

The plan includes bringing electric power to the plant and possibly a maintenance building where park maintenance supplies and equipment could be stored.

Bowman said the concept includes the installation of multiple docks, one he said, should be "a good size." He said the plan also includes a dedicated area for pets at the site.

Trustees had several questions regarding the impact of temporary seasonal employees on the current union contract. Bowman reiterated that the plans he was discussing were in the very preliminary stages and conceptual at this time.

Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush also cautioned the board members that the discussion of was "just conceptual and only conceptual." He said the plan would be presented in great detail in the future as discussions continue. He also suggested that there might be grant money from Wayne County avail-

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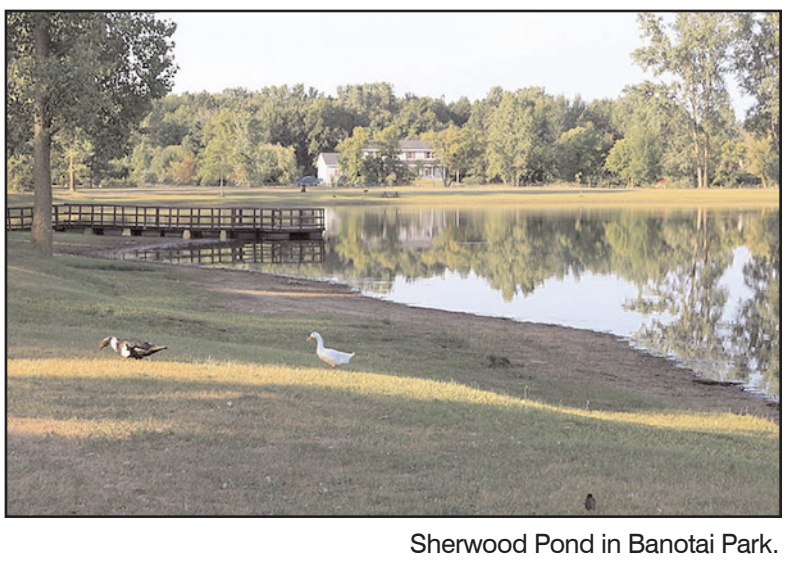

Sherwood Pond in Banotai Park.

Canton

Brews, Brats and Bands event is planned

Preparations are under way for the annual Brews, Brats, & Bands at the Barn fundraising event planned for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept.10, in Preservation Park.

Despite the lack of the historic barn which was destroyed by fire last year, organizers said they are confident the scenic location at Preservation Park on Ridge Road will remain the perfect backdrop for the popular fall event.

Proceeds from the unique beer tasting event will once again support the Canton Historical Society.

"This event will always be affectionately known as B4 because it was 'Brews, Brats and Bands at the Barn' and it will remain so even without the physical barn," said Gregg King, Canton Historical Society member and fundraiser organizer. "Each September it is an honor to host this annual fall tradition at a park that perseveres and celebrates historical buildings."

> *Proceeds from the unique beer tasting event will once again support the Canton Historical Society.*

Admission tickets include seven drink tickets each good for a 4-ounce beer tasting sample. Attendees will be able to choose from more than 75 different craft and specialty beers from throughout the country, including beers from local breweries such as Canton Brew Works, Bearded Lamb Brewing Company, Ypsi Alehouse and North Center Brewing Company. Brats with all the fixings will also be included with admission, as well as a keepsake beer tasting mug. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening by Standing Room Only, performing favorite classic rock hits and All Directions, playing popular Rhythm and Blues standards.

Tickets are $40 if purchased online before Sept. 9 and $45 at the door, cash only.

Tickets can be purchased online at https://events.beerfests.com. Designated driver tickets are also available for $10. Additional beer tasting tickets are available for purchase at $5 for four tickets.

For more information on Brew, Brats, & Bands at the Barn, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or visit the event link at: https://events.beerfests.com/e/brewbratsandbandsatthebarn.

Theater Art exhibit continues

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will display works of artist John Middlestead in a new exhibit entitled "Black & White and a Splash of Color", in The Gallery at Cherry Hill through Aug. 29.

Middlestead's selection of works includes photography of subject matters from grand landscapes of national parks to intricate designs of flowers on the kitchen counter.

Middlestead has lived the majority of his life in Canton and currently resides with his wife, Joan, in South Lyon. He earned his bachelor of fine arts majoring in industrial design, with a minor in photography, from Michigan State University and a master in business administration from Wayne State University. During the later years of his 32-year career at Michigan Consolidated Gas (MichCon), now part of DTE Energy, he started re-inventing himself as a fine art photographer. It was the classic case of "what are you going to do when you grow up?" he said. In 2002, Middlestead started the process by honing his photographic skill set by taking courses with local and national instructors, including Monte Nagler, Tim Cooper, Nancy Rotenberg, Doug Johnson, Elizabeth Stone, Susanna Gaunt, and many others. This technical training and development have resulted in images that have appeared at the Canton Fine Arts Exhibition; Plymouth Council of the Arts; International Ecotourism Society in Washington D.C.; Art Crawl in Plymouth; Oakwood and Beaumont hospitals; St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Westland City Hall Gallery; Livonia City Hall; and TCF Bank (Canton). Middlestead has been a featured artist in Art Showcase Magazine and has received a variety of awards for his work. He is also a member of the Three Cities Art Club and Livonia Camera Club.

> *This art exhibit at The Gallery at Cherry Hill is free and open to the public.*

This art exhibit at The Gallery at Cherry Hill is free and open to the public during gallery hours 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; from 4 until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; during all public performances, or by special appointment arranged via email to elli.fassois@cantonmi.gov.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, MI, 48187.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Spray away

Members of the Canton Township Fire Department teamed up with Canton Leisure Services personnel last week for to host Spray Day in the community. Children from the entire neighborhood appeared to take advantage of the cool water spraying from the fire equipment during the afternoon event. Organizers said it was difficult to determine if the firefighters or the children had the most fun during the afternoon.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
September 8, 2022

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:. John Badeen, Alan Okon, Clarence Lee, Mark Quimby, and Aaron Tassell
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda
September 8, 2022

Approval of Minutes:
August 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicants Nicholas and Kelli Paparelli for property located at 46418 Briargate which is located on the east side of Briargate, south of Warren Rd. (Parcel ID 034-03-1297-000), Zoning R2, Single Family Residential. Applicants are requesting a variance from the following section of the Township Code of Ordinances: Section 78-129(h) for a fence located in a front yard setback area; and Section 78-131(4)(b) for a fence on a corner lot located in a front yard setback area.

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CANTON COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2022 **AGENDA ITEM: C-7**

ITEM: **Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74, Article II, Division 3, Subdivision III Section 74-133. Building Sewers and Connections**

PRESENTER: Jade Smith, Municipal Services Director

INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE: None Anticipated

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Canton Township Ordinance Section 74-133 titled "Building and Sewers Connections" currently outlines the process for repairs to water and sewer leads in public rights-of-way, easements, and private property. This ordinance also directs the Public Works Division to maintain a written policy on repairs to private sewer leads and cost sharing with the private building owner. To further describe ownership and maintenance of private sewer and water leads Canton Township Ordinance Section 74-38 titled "Water and Sewer Lead Ownership" specifically states that water and sewer leads shall be defined as the privately-owned service connection from the public water main, or sewer main, to the building. Additionally, Section 74-38 states that ownership and maintenance responsibility for the private water or sewer lead shall remain with the building owner from the point of connection at the public main to the building.

The proposed change to Section 74-133 removes the potential for inconsistency between Sections 74-133 and 74-38. Furthermore, the proposed changes to Section 74-133 promotes and codifies effective Public Works policy and practices by assigning responsibility for maintaining and operating private sewer leads to the appropriate entity. The Public Works Division will also amend their current policy to reflect the changes in the Section 74-133.

BACKGROUND: Recently, a private sewer lead was repaired by the Township as required by the currently adopted policy of the Public Works Division. The private sewer line was damaged on private property. The property owner submitted an invoice for $17,000 for work done by a private contractor. The Township was not aware of the damage or repair completed by the private contractor. Although the Township's currently adopted policy was followed, it is strongly recommended that the policy and ordinances be amended and adopted to reflect that the Township will no longer participate in cost sharing for repair of private sewer and water leads.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Remove from the table, hold the second reading and adopt an amendment to Chapter 74, Article II, Division 3, Subdivision III Section 74-133 entitled "Building Sewers and Connections";

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER: N/A

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: If approved, the ordinance will be published and become effective August 18, 2022.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approval

FINANCE AND BUDGET DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approval

SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

MODEL RESOLUTION:

1. I move to remove from the table, hold the second reading and adopt an amendment to Chapter 74, Article II, Division 3, Subdivision III Section 74-133 entitled "Building Sewers and Connections"; to be published and become effective on August 18, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance Amendment Clean
2. Ordinance Amendment Redlined
3. Revised Policy PW:10

Sec. 74-133. Building sewers and connections.
….
(q) Repairs to sewer lead. Structural repairs to any damaged portion of the sewer lead located in the public right-of-way and/or easement shall be undertaken by the township, with the written permission of the building owner, for the purpose of minimizing the risk to public health and safety. Ownership of and responsibility for the entire private sewer lead shall however remain with the building owner from the point of connection to the public sewer main to the building, regardless whether the public sewer main is located in an easement and/or within the public right-of-way.
The Public Works Division shall maintain a written policy on repairs to private sewer leads.
(Ord. No. 30, as amended, § 16, 6-10-2003; Ord. of 3-6-2007(2), § 2; Ord. of 6-26-2007(1), § 2; Ord. of 6-10-2008, § 2)

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The Public Works Division shall maintain a written policy on repairs to private sewer leads. ~~that defines the types of damage that the township will and will not consider cost sharing of with the building owner. The policy shall also define the maximum amount of cost sharing that a building owner would incur for a repair to a private lead located in the public right-of-way and/or easement.~~

(Ord. No. 30, as amended, § 16, 6-10-2003; Ord. of 3-6-2007(2), § 2; Ord. of 6-26-2007(1), § 2; Ord. of 6-10-2008, § 2)

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PUBLIC WORKS	**Page 1 of 1**
SANITARY SEWER - RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE LEAD REPAIRS	**Issued: 5/5/2011**
	Revised: 8/9/2022
	Reviewed:

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the repair of privately owned sanitary sewer leads. This policy further clarifies the responsibilities listed in Canton Township Ordinance 74-133, Building and Connections, subsection (q) and Ordinance.

II. OWNERSHIP:

Ownership of and responsibility for the entire sanitary sewer lead shall remain with the property owner from the point of connection to the public sewer main to the building.
Any question on this policy and procedure should be directed to the Public Works Manager.

Municipal Services Department

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PLYMOUTH

Dirty tricks

Officials in Plymouth are continuing to search for the perpetrator of a "tide" of damage to the $1.5 million fountain in the center of Kellogg Park. Nearly every day last week, according to officials, Tide laundry soap pods were inserted into the fountain causing mounds of white suds to overflow and fill the surrounding area of the park. Officials ordered the fountain turned off after the first incident to prevent further damage to the mechanics as the machinery was cleaned and repaired. City officials said that while teens were suspected in the incidents, this was not "good clean fun" as the damage to the fountain plumbing and components is serious and expensive to repair. Workers from the city Department of Public Works were assigned help control the suds and clean the area, a steep expense as the damage continued all week. Officials said in addition to the financial cost, workers were re-assigned from several other necessary jobs in the community. They added that at press time, there was no assessment of the actual damage to the fountain mechanics or repair costs. Photo by June Kirchgatter.

Rotary Club readies for 66th Annual Fall Festival

Members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club began making preparations for the traditional Fall Festival Chicken Barbeque back in March.

Gary Stoltz, chairman of the club barbeque committee, said they began organizational meetings months ago to ensure that the event will meet the expectations of the 8,500 or so guests who will purchase one of the dinners. As always, the dinners will include a half barbequed chicken, chips, a roll, an ear of corn, a cookie and a bottle of water. This year, due to supply chain and cost increases, the dinners will be priced at $13 if purchased in advance from any Rotary Club member and are now available. Tickets purchased on 'Chicken Sunday' will be $15.

The Rotary Chicken Barbeque was the beginning of the Fall Festival in Plymouth and the other weekend events have grown around the six-decades long tradition. The secret seasoning recipe remains just that, top secret, divulged only to a select few individuals trusted with the mixing of the special blend of spices which gives the chicken the unique and unduplicated flavor. The goal of the event also remains just as it was 66 years ago, sell the barbeque chicken dinners to fund civic projects and charities in the community.

> *"The good we are able to do with the funds raised is tremendous.*

While the first barbeque generated funds for playground equipment for a city park, the event now pays for scholarships, donates to multiple local charities and groups, and funds many services in the area through the foundation which is also involved in world-wide charitable efforts like the eradication of polio in third-world countries, the building of schools in underdeveloped nations and the installation of wells in areas devoid of clean drinking water.

Committee members, Stoltz said, are pretty confident they can make a success of the event, but are well aware of the pressure they face. There are a multitude of moving parts and tasks involved in producing each dinner. Committee members this year in addition to Stoltz include Andy Savage who is second in command and handling all the purchasing for the event; Eric Kostoff who is in charge of ticket sales and management; Jill Johnson who is organizing all the Rotary and non-student volunteers; Bari Livsey who is coordinating the volunteer groups from the high schools; Eric Joy, a past club president and former president of the Fall Festival committee, who is in charge of sponsors and marketing, along with Brandon Bunt, the past barbeque president who is helping with advice and obtaining sponsorships for the event.

In all, it takes about 50 to 75 volunteers from the Rotary Club along with 700-800 high school student volunteers to produce the thousands of dinners in about eight hours or so on Sunday.

"It is no small operation and there are a lot of moving parts," Stoltz said. "We couldn't do it without the volunteers and the people who donate. The city is really helpful to us, too, with the tear down and security," he added.

Stoltz, a Canton Township resident, said he is always surprised when people do not understand the real purpose of the barbeque and what it means to the community. "The good we are able to do with the funds raised is tremendous," he said. Stoltz stressed that there are no administration or management expenses and that every dollar from the event, after supplies and food is paid for, goes back into the community.

"We are not the only group out there working for the community," he said.

"The Kiwanis, The Lions, all those clubs really do a lot of good, too. People don't understand that there are a lot of people donating a lot of time to do good for the community."

Track repairs promised

Drivers traveling through Plymouth will see some relief at the jaw rocking, suspension testing railroad tracks in the community.

According to city officials, four railway tracks were set to undergo construction starting last week. The work will be performed and funded by CXS Railroad which is completely responsible for maintenance at the crossings. Scheduled for repair are the crossings on Starkweather, Holbrook, Lilley Road south of Ann Arbor Trail and the crossing at Ann Arbor Trail.

Officials said railroad company representatives did not provide a timetable for the projects but did say drivers should expect detour routes in the work areas.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 1, 2022 for the following:

VILLAGE THEATER LASER PROJECTOR

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT 2022

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-02 Kingsley House Painting & Restoration

The City of Romulus, on behalf of the City of Romulus, Downtown Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as the DDA is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the painting and restoration of the of the historic Samuel Kingsley house located in the Romulus Historic Park (11147 Hunt St., Romulus MI).

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(3) Mandatory Work Site Examination - For the purpose of allowing all contractors interested in placing a bid the opportunity to acquaint themselves with all of the existing conditions, it will be mandatory for all contractors to perform a Work Site Examination prior to submitting a bid
(4) No plea of ignorance of conditions which exist or which may hereafter exist, or of any difficulties which may be encountered will be accepted as the basis for any failure or omission on the part of the Contractor to fulfill all of the requirements of this Contract, nor will such failure or omission be accepted as the basis for any claims of any nature or extra compensation or extension of time. The submission of a bid shall be considered as prima facta evidence of compliance with this section.
(5) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Thursday, 09/08/2022**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(6) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time 09/08/2022, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(7) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part.
(8) Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus, DDA Board or otherwise in a manner deemed by the DDA to be in its own best interest.
(9) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(10) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(11) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 22/23-03 BODY WORN & IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS
FOR ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Romulus is soliciting proposals from qualified companies to provide the Romulus Police Department with (30) thirty officer worn body cameras and (20) twenty in-car camera systems. In addition, companies must provide a video storage solution, which partners with the provided body worn cameras, to store, manage, retrieve and share captured digital video. Qualified companies will also provide a Service Agreement which includes service on equipment, hardware and software for a minimum of (5) five years.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City***. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 P.M. local time on August 23, 2022.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.
(4) Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 P.M. local time, Thursday, September 23, 2022. Companies can either submit hard copies or submit their documents electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. Companies submitting hardcopies, must submit a total of three (3) copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") along with one (1) copy of their proposal on a digital storage device (i.e. Flash Drive) in "PDF" form. All copies must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package, addressed using the "RFP PROPOSAL MAILING LABEL" provided in the solicitation documents, and must be delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to the deadline for the submission of proposals. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled or bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.
(5) Failure to submit pricing on the proposal form provided by the City of Romulus may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive and ineligible for award.
(6) At approximately 3:00 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting bids, all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read (or received???).
(7) The successful Company will be required to enter into a contract with, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.
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(11) The City, during the course of the evaluation process, may request additional written information to supplement and clarify the information provided in this response.
(12) The City, at the discretion of the proposal evaluation team, may conduct interviews with some or all of the companies that submitted proposals for consideration. Based upon results of the review and evaluation, the City may decide to proceed with an offer to one or more companies to furnish and potentially deploy units on a permanent basis throughout the Romulus Police Department.
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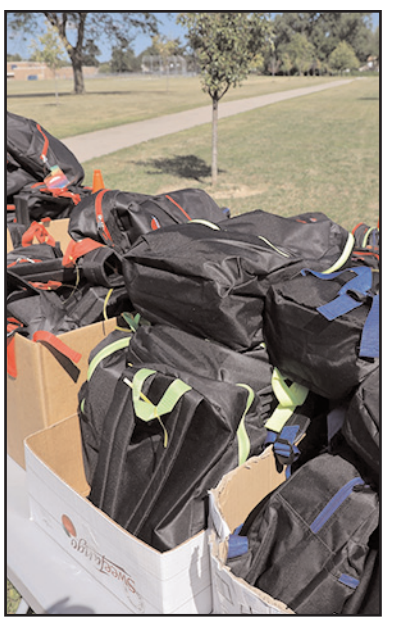
Wayne - Westland



Set for school

Members of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council hosted the Back to School Extravaganza and Outdoor Movie last week at the Lincoln-Johnson Field. The popular event included mad science festivities and the distribution of more than 200 backpacks to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Guests were also treated to dinner and refreshments and an outdoor movie presentation of Jumanji. The event was sponsored by Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Community Financial Credit Union, Westland Free Methodist Church and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

Hazmat team called to deal with mystery substance

City of Wayne public safety officials called for help from the Western Wayne Hazmat team last weekend as they battled an unknown substance in the section of the Rouge River that flows through the city.

According to an official posting from the Wayne Police Department, the unknown substance floating on the area of the Rouge which travels through Wayne was reported to them by both City Councilman Alfred Brock and city resident Bill Schmidt last Friday. The substance has not been identified, officials said, and members of the fire department placed booms in the water to attempt to control the substance. According to police accounts, the amount of the unidentified fluid had visibly increased from Friday until Saturday when the Hazmat team was called for assistance.

Police said Sunday the county Hazmat team had taken the lead on the matter and the Wayne Fire Department was assisting as needed. On Sunday, eight or 10 HazMat members were on site deploying booms and deep booming to collect the substance. It has an oily appearance, but had not been identified.

Police said the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and the National Response Center have been notified as required by water response guidelines.

Pickup truck stolen in Westland crashes during escape

Both drivers of two pickup trucks involved in a crash last Wednesday night fled the scene of the accident in Detroit, according to police reports.

One of the pickup trucks was stolen from a Westland home where the thief was confronted by the vehicle owner in the act of driving off with the white 2021 Ford F-150 truck. The owner of the truck was struck by the vehicle as the suspect drove the stolen truck away from the Westland home, according to police. The collision occurred, police said, when the suspect drove through a red light in Detroit during his escape.

Michigan State Police were notified at about 10:35 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, that Westland police were tracking the stolen vehicle. Troopers were able to track the truck as it traveled east on Davison Street near Livernois Avenue in Detroit.

As the troopers began pursuit, the driver went through a red light and the vehicle was struck by a different pickup, police said.Officials said the driver of the stolen truck and the driver of the second truck both fled the crash scene.

The suspect in the theft was apprehended by troopers and arrested at the scene, according to police reports. The teen was remanded to the custody of the Westland police, along with the damaged stolen truck.

Police said a report was being submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor for possible charges.

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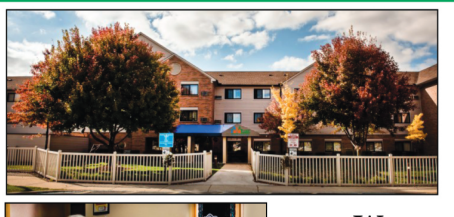
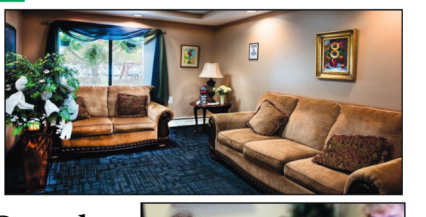

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INKSTER - NORTHVILLE

Downs development to relocate Farmers Market

Members of the City of Northville Planning Commission have supported a recommendation from the Farmers Market Task Force to establish the amenity outside the proposed Northville Downs development.

Planning commissioners continued their deliberations on the topic of parks, open spaces, and the Farmers' Market during the meeting last week. The current plan allocates space for a temporary Farmers' Market location until the market can be moved to a permanent location. The Farmers' Market Task Force recommended an off-site location as preferred over a permanent location on the Downs project site.

The 2018 Master Plan, which guides the Downs development, states that a preferred land use of the racetrack property could include the Farmers' Market. The Farmers' Market Task Force members noted that given the current reality, locating the market off-site would be acceptable as long as it remains in the city and meets the criteria for vendors and shoppers. The preferred new site identified in the Task Force report is the former MacDonald Ford land at Seven Mile east of River Street, where the task force envisions building a year-round facility and expansion.

After much discussion, commissioners supported the recommendation to locate the Farmers' Market somewhere other than on the Downs site. As plans for the project move to a conclusion, planning commissioners will need to consider how relocating the market influences their thinking about public benefits of the project, officials noted.

Developer of the Downs project Randy Wertheimer said it will cost $200,000 to pave the land to host the market temporarily. The Farmers' Market will be on their site for three years - two of those years at the temporary location. The current site is planned for 25 units of housing and the temporary area is planned for 10 units and an additional eight condos that can't be built until the market moves off the site. Wertheimer said the temporary site provides better parking for vendors than the current site at the Downs. The developer is expected to cover the cost of electrical and water at the temporary site.

Wertheimer said the development team is making a $26 million commitment. Of that, he said, $16 million is projected to be returned in Brownfield credits. He didn't elaborate on how the other $10 million will be spent.

Shoppers enjoy the Northville Farmer's Market.

Magic man

A large and enthusiastic crowd welcomed 'Magician to the World' Gordon Russ to the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster last Saturday.Russ and his comedy magic show featuring his trusty sidekick, George the Raccoon, entertained the audience with routines perfected in performances in China, England, Israel and Australia. Several youngsters remembered their "Pick me" signs hoping to be called on stage to help Russ with his illusions. A master at audience involvement, Russ "invents" magic on the spot, using ordinary items. He couples this with an array of tried-and-true tricks of the trade."Magic is serious business, but the main idea is fun. I want everybody smiling and saying, 'How'd he do that?'" Russ said in a prepared statement.

Fatal shooting under investigation

Michigan State Police continue to investigate the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old man in Inkster.

According to police reports, Elijah Steward was shot and killed as he left the 25 Hour Party Store in Inkster at about 11 p.m. Aug. 6. Witnesses told police that the victim had just left the store on foot when he exchanged words with someone in another vehicle that had just driven into the parking lot on Michigan Avenue near Beech Daly. Some conversation ensued just before witnesses heard gunshots coming from the vehicle and saw Steward fall.

Steward was with a friend when he was fatally wounded, police said.

"A young man, 19-years-old, God knows what his future could have been - clearly our hearts go out to his family," said Inkster Police Assistant Chief Constance Slappey.

Michigan State Police detectives continue to investigate the incident and have no motive in the shooting.

Slappey urged people to find other ways to end conflicts. "The end of the day life is priceless you can't put a price on human life," she said.

Investigators from the Michigan State Police are leading the investigation and have asked anyone with information about the incident to contact them at (734) 287-5000.

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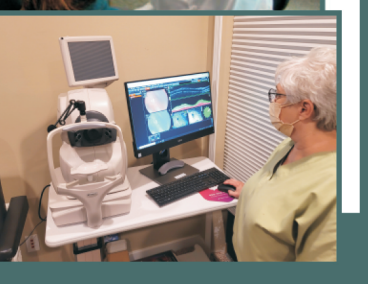

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Romulus - Sumpter

Murder suspect is found dead

Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke told members of the township board of trustees that the man accused of a quadruple homicide in the community had been found dead in his cell at the Wayne County Jail.

Luke informed the trustees of the suspect's death during the Aug. 9 regular meeting. He said that Raymond Bailey, 39, was awaiting trial in the deaths of four people in a home in the 24000 block of Martinsville Road on Aug. 15, 2020. Victims were sisters Laura and Sarah Tanner and their cousins, brothers Forrest and Neal Sampson. Bailey was charged with four counts of premeditated murder and also faced several weapons charges in the fatal shootings.

Following the deaths, Bailey fled the area but later surrendered himself to police in Bay City. According to his attorney, Bailey deliberately injured himself during his attempted escape and suffered a broken neck. He was arraigned from a hospital bed. His attorney said he would present an insanity defense at the trial set for next January.

No cause of death was available at press time.

Raymond Bailey

Park

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able to fund some portion of the renovation. Trustee Matt Oddy agreed and suggested that the township should ask for more financial help for projects.

Bowman added that the project would ideally include signage on township roads with directions to the park and that a new play structure or even a splash pad could be included in the amenities the township would offer, but that cost considerations might limit the township to new swing sets and sandboxes.

Township Manager Tony Burdick said he believes that there are several resources available for grants and added that the concept was user friendly and included handicap access.

Board members also responded to questions from Recreation Committee member Sharon Pokerwinski regarding the current application for grants from Wayne County. Trustees said applications for grants should probably continue as the conceptual plan would take years to complete especially, they noted, with the involvement of the DNR (Department of Natural Resources.)

"This is a long-term plan. It is not going to happen tomorrow," Bowman said.

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Festival For Friends supports shelter

Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers hosted a three-day festival last weekend to support women and children in crisis. The Festival for Friends was an opportunity for community members to come together for a good cause and have fun, organizers said. Featured activities included a cornhole tournament, rides in the Jurassic Park Jeep, a movie, fun, games and food. The charity Classic Car Show took place on Sunday.

The benefit this year was the latest effort of Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers to support the community. The beneficiary of festival donations this year went directly to Sunrise House, a local women's and children's shelter.

Donations can still be dropped off at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers following the weekend activities.

Also in attendance at the event this year was Nikki's Pizza Truck and several local crafters and vendors. Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers is located at 15155 South Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

Deadline for student art contest is tomorrow

> *Winners will be announced and awards presented at the festival.*

Members of the Romulus Arts Council are looking for art for the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival digital guide. Each year, the first-place student art entry is chosen for the cover of the guide and the second and third place winners and two honorable mentions are included in the publication. The first-place winners also receives $200, the second-place winner is awarded $150 and the third place winner will receive $100. The two honorable mention entries each receive $50, officials said.

All students who are Romulus residents are eligible to enter including those from pre-school through grade 12 for the 24th anniversary pumpkin festival guide.

The art must have a fall/pumpkin theme, but no Halloween themed work will be accepted. No wording should be on the artwork which should be at least 8 ½ by 11 and no larger than 11 by 17 inches. Art must be portrait oriented and bright colors in acrylic, watercolor, tempera or pastels is encouraged organizers said. Crayons and colored pencils do not have the vibrancy of the other mediums, they cautioned, so entries should not use those. The artist's name, age, school and contact information should be on the reverse side of the entry.

All interested participants should submit their artwork to the Economic Development Department, located in Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus before Aug. 19. Art entries become the property of the Romulus Arts Council. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the festival where the art will be framed and displayed at the hospitality tent.

The Romulus Arts Council has awarded more than $10,000 to Romulus resident students from pre-school to high school, organizers said.

For more information, call Maria Lambert (734) 955-4533.